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ATTN: OPS OFFICER

REF: TELECON 14 AUG 71 MAJOR SANBORN TO LT COL STANK, OL-B, 3ARGP.
THE FOLLOWING INFO IS EXTRACTED AND CONSOLIDATED FROM THE LOGS OF RCC
UDORN PERTAINING TO THE MAIL 48 INCIDENT OF 6 - 7 JUL 71. RCC WAS
INITIALLY NOTIFIED 061031Z BY LTCOL HARKNIGHT, 56 SOW SARCO, THAT MAIL
48 HAD NOT BEEN CONTACTED SINCE 0830Z, AND SHORTLY THEREAFTER THE
GENERAL AREA IN WHICH HE WAS WORKING WAS PASSED. THIS INFO WAS PASSED
TO THE HC-130P "KING" RESCUE ORBIT AIRCRAFT. A COM SEARCH AND RAMP
CHECK OF ALL POSSIBLE LANDING SITES REVEALED NO TRACE OF THE AIRCRAFT.
THE ROUTE OF FLIGHT OF MAIL 48 AS WELL AS HIS WORKING AREA WERE UNDER
CONSTANT ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE BY KING AIRCRAFT UNTIL DAWN ON THE
DATE OF THE INCIDENT AND FROM APPROXIMATELY DAYLIGHT UNTIL DARK ON
THE FOLLOWING DAYS. THERE WAS NO VOICE CONTACT OR DEEPER SIGNALS
REPORTED IN THE VICINITY. KING AIRCRAFT WERE IN CONTACT WITH FAC
AIRCRAFT THE FOLLOWING MORNING WHICH WERE WORKING THE VICINITY OF THE
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LAST KNOWN POSITION OF MAIL 48. NO CONFIRMED VISUAL CONTACT WITH THE
WRECKAGE WAS EVER REPORTED TO RCC UDORN. FURTHER INFORMATION
CONCERNING FAC TYPE AIRCRAFT THAT SEARCHED THE AREA SHOULD BE AVAIL-
ABLE FROM 56 SOW. NO FORMAL RESCUE MISSION WAS ORDERED SINCE NO
SEARCH OBJECTIVE WAS EVER IDENTIFIED. ALL KNOWN INFO CONCERNING THE
INCIDENT WAS TURNED OVER TO JPFC ON 7 JUL 71.

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M.W. Sanborn
M.W. SANBORN, Major, USAF
Chief of Operations, 23rd TASS

As of 31 2400 MAR 72

II. MISSING/MISSING IN ACTION IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

NAME
CAVALANI, Jon R.

SGT

DATA

5 Jun 71. Individuals became missing while members of a platoon-size force
defending a radio relay site in enemy held territory. On the morning
of 4 Jun, the site came under attack by a large enemy force. Helicopters
began evacuating wounded personnel first but poor weather conditions
made it impossible for evacuation attempt and was called off that
evening. The above 2 individuals and 1 other American member along
with approximately 20 SVN soldiers remained at the site. On the
morning of 5 Jun, contact was again made with the enemy force and
that was the last time the 2 individuals were seen. Witnesses stated
that SGT Cavani had been wounded. Rescue teams were hampered by
the heavy enemy activity in the area and subsequent aircraft searches
revealed no signs of the missing members.

Coord/Province:

STROHLEIN, Madison A.

SGT

USARV TAG TF1AE

22 Jun 71.
MIA

Individual was member of a reconnaissance team inserted into enemy
held territory during early morning on 22 Jun. Later in the morning,
SSG Strohlein radioed for a medevac helicopter as he had been injured.
Helicopter proceeded to rescue him, however, the ropes of the aircraft
were too short to reach him. The pilot of the aircraft radioed for
more help, but because of weather conditions, further rescue efforts
were unsuccessful. SSG Strohlein terminated radio contact at 11:00
a.m. when he sensed enemy activity around him. Other team members
never made visual contact with him because of enemy activity in the
area. On the morning of 23 Jun, a rescue team penetrated the area
and found pieces of his battle equipment but no evidence of his fate
or whereabouts was found.

Coord/Province: YC 487 502 Quang Nam

NAME
CARR, Donald G.

CPT

USARV TAG TF1AEN TSH

6 Jul 71.
MISSING
IN ACTION

Individuals were flying a visual reconnaissance mission over enemy
held territory after taking off at 1:20 p.m. Regular ground
contact was made every 45 minutes and last contact was at 3:30
when he reported weather conditions were deteriorating. A ground
reconnaissance team reported hearing an impact or explosion at
4:00 p.m. in the vicinity where the aircraft was possibly flying,
however, they did not report sighting the aircraft. Exhaustive
searches and checks for aircraft met with negative results.

Coord/Province: